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1. SUMMARY: THE CCD HELD TWO PLENARY MEETINGS ON  
MARCH 7 AND 9. THERE WERE SPEAKERS ONLY ON MARCH 9.  
IRAN MADE A GENERAL OPENING STATEMENT WHICH INCLUDED  
MILDLY REPROACHFUL REMARKS ON COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND SUPPORTED THE U.S. APPROACH TO DEAL-  
ING WITH NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW). ITALY MADE  
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A BRIEF, BUT DETAILED, STATEMENT PRESENTING ITS VIEWS ON  
DISARMAMENT MACHINERY, WHICH INCLUDED SUPPORT FOR  
ABOLITION OF THE CCD CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. THE USSR MADE A  
STATEMENT ATTACKING THE NEUTRON BOMB AND TABLED A DRAFT  
CONVENTION PROHIBITING "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS." THE  
U.S. IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION  
AS A PROPAGANDA MOVE AND MADE A STATEMENT PLACING THE

REDUCED-BLAST ENHANCED-RADIATION WEAPON ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE. THE AD HOC GROUP OF SEISMIC EXPERTS CONCLUDED ITS WORK MARCH 8 AND FORWARDED ITS FINAL REPORT TO THE CCD. THE WESTERN GROUP MET MARCH 8 AND MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS WESTERN STRATEGY FOR HANDLING ER/RB ISSUE AND CCD INFORMALS ON THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CCD HELD ITS 777TH AND 778TH PLENARY MEETINGS MARCH 7 AND 9. THERE WERE NO SPEAKERS MARCH 7. AT MARCH 9 PLENARY, AMBASSADOR FARTASH (IRAN) MADE A POSITIVE, THOUGH MILDLY REPROACHFUL, STATEMENT DEALING WITH CCD PRIORITY CONCERN AND THE COMMITTEE'S FUTURE. FARTASH FAVORED REFORM OF CCD STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURE WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE COMMITTEE'S EFFECTIVENESS AND SUPPORTED REPLACING THE CURRENT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP ARRANGEMENT BY ROTATING THE CHAIR AMONG ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CCD. CALLING COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) CCD'S PERENIAL PRIORITY ITEM," HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE U.S., U.K. AND U.S.S.R. WOULD SOON SUBMIT AN AGREEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE. HE REMINDED THE TRILATERAL PARTICIPANTS, HOWEVER, THAT THEIR "SEQUESTERED" NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO EXPEDITE TABLING OF A DRAFT CTB AGREEMENT AND THAT, IF THIS PROVED NOT TO BE THE CASE, THE CCD WOULD INSIST CTB DISCUSSIONS BE BROUGHT BACK TO "THE MULTILATERAL TABLE." IN FURTHER COMMENT ON CTB, FARTASH

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SAID THAT "NO MEASURE TO DATE HAS REQUIRED IMPORTANT SACRIFICES BY THE SUPERPOWERS. SOME WOULD EVEN ARGUE THAT A CTB WOULD HARDLY THWART THE WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS PURSUED TODAY. THE CTB REMAINS, HOWEVER, THE ONE MEASURE TO TEST THE SUPERPOWERS' INTENTIONS. ITS ACHIEVEMENT WOULD BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. FAILURE TO ACHIEVE IT COULD JEOPARDIZE ALL OTHER DISARMAMENT EFFORTS." TURNING TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), FARTASH HOPED FOR EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE JOINT INITIATIVE AND CALLED ON THE COMMITTEE TO PURSUE ITS WORK ON THE ISSUE WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THE US-USSR BILATERALS. HE SAID A CW AGREEMENT COULD REPRESENT A REAL ARMS REDUCTION MEASURE WHICH COULD BECOME A PROTOTYPE FOR OTHER DISARMAMENT MEASURES.

3. IMPLICITLY SUPPORTING THE U.S. POSITION ON NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS, FARTASH STATED THAT CONCLUDING SEPARATE AGREEMENTS, AS APPROPRIATE, ON INDIVIDUAL TYPES OF SUCH WEAPONS WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH, AND WELCOMED THE RESUMPTION OF THE US-USSR BILATERALS ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS. CAUTIONING THE COMMITTEE NOT TO ALLOW DISCUSSION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF DISARMAMENT

(CNP) TO SUBSTITUTE FOR NEGOTIATIONS OF DISARMAMENT MEASURES, HE EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE CCD'S PROGRAM SHOULD FIT THE MORE "IMMEDIATE ACHIEVABLE GOALS OF THE SSOD PROGRAM OF ACTION INTO THE FRAMEWORK OF A LARGER PROCESS WHICH WOULD EXTEND OVER A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME." IN CLOSING, FARTASH ALSO REITERATED IRANIAN SUPPORT FOR THE 32ND UNGA RESOLUTION APPEALING FOR ADHERENCE TO AND IMPLEMENTATION OF, THE NPT, AND THE RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CONVENING OF A UN CONFERENCE IN 1979 ON INCENDIARY AND CERTAIN OTHER CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

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4. AMBASSADOR DI BERNARDO (ITALY) BRIEFLY ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF INTERNATIONAL DISARMAMENT MACHINERY AND REFORM OF CCD ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES. HE FAVORED ENHANCING THE ROLE OF THE UN IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD AND SUGGESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL ORGAN TO SUPERVISE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, DURING THE SSOD, REVIEW ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FIELD

OF REGULATION OF ARMAMENTS, UNDER ARTICLE 26 OF THE UN  
CHARTER, AND CONSIDER ESTABLISHING SUBSIDIARY ORGANS FOR  
SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT PURPOSES, BEGINNING WITH A COMMITTEE  
DIVIDED INTO REGIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES, TO CONTROL INTER-  
NATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

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DI BERNARDO ALSO SUPPORTED THE IDEA OF A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE PROVIDED IT WAS ADEQUATELY PREPARED FOR AND INCLUDED ALL STATES WITH "SIGNIFICANT" MILITARY CAPABILITIES. ON CCD'S ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES, DI BERNARDO CALLED FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE CCD AS THE MAIN MULTI-LATERAL NEGOTIATING BODY AND FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE CONSENSUS PRINCIPLE. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE CCD MIGHT:

- A. INCREASE CCD MEMBERSHIP MINIMALLY, BASED ON THE "ACTUAL CAPABILITY" OF THE NEW MEMBERS TO MAKE A "CONSTANT CONTRIBUTION" TO DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS;
- B. OPEN CCD MEETINGS TO UN MEMBERS, UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES;
- C. SEND A PROGRESS REPORT TO THE UNGA AFTER EACH SESSION, SPRING AND SUMMER, AS WELL AS SPECIAL REPORTS ON PARTICULAR TOPICS;
- D. AGREE ON THE WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE WHOLE YEAR AT THE OUTSET OF THE SPRING SESSION AND ESTABLISH A METHODIC PROGRAM OF NEGOTIATION FOR THE PERIOD CONSIDERED;
- E. SET UP FUNCTIONAL WORKING GROUPS TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS OR INFORMALLY CONSIDER, WITH EXPERTS IF DESIRABLE, SPECIFIC ITEMS; AND
- F. ABOLISH CO-CHAIRMANSHIP TO SMOOTH THE PATH TOWARDS PARTICIPATION OF OTHER NUCLEAR WEAPONS POWERS.

5. AMBASSADOR LIKHATCHEV (USSR) MADE A STATEMENT ATTACKING THE NEUTRON BOMB (TRANSMITTED SEPTEL) AND TABLED A

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DRAFT TREATY PROHIBITING THE PRODUCTION, STOCKPILING, DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS (TEXT CONTAINED GENEVA 3705). LIKENING "NUCLEAR NEUTRON WEAPONS" TO THE "CRUEL AND BARBARIC" BACTERIOLOGICAL

AND CHEMICAL WEAPONS, LIKHATCHEV ASSERTED THAT THE REDUCED BLAST/ENHANCED RADIATION (RB/ER) WEAPON IS "QUALITATIVELY A NEW VARIETY OF NUCLEAR WEAPON" WHICH INCORPORATES SOME OF THE SAME PROPERTIES AS RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND STATED THAT WHILE ER/RB WEAPONS WERE CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED AS TACTICAL WEAPONS, "NOTHING WILL PREVENT" THEIR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CARRIERS OF GREATER RANGE. BASING HIS ATTACK PRIMARILY ON EMOTIONAL, HORROR-CONJURING ARGUMENTS, LIKHATCHEV REITERATED THE BREZHNEV THREAT TO "ANSWER THE CHALLENGE" TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE USSR AND ITS ALLIES. HE SAID THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT WOULD RAISE THE LEVEL OF MILITARY CONFRONTATION AND SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS IN DISARMAMENT. IN CLOSING, HE CALLED ON THE COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT CONVENTION AND BEGIN PREPARATION OF AN AGREED TEXT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

6. AMBASSADOR FISHER (US) IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THE SOVIET DRAFT CONVENTION AS A PROPAGANDA MOVE AND MADE A STATEMENT AIMED AT PLACING THE RB/ER WEAPON ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE (TEXT OF FISHER'S STATEMENT CONTAINED REF A).

7. THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS TO DETECT AND IDENTIFY SEISMIC EVENTS CONCLUDED ITS WORK THIS WEEK AND ADOPTED ITS FINAL REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CCD. REPORT CONTAINED SEPTEL.

8. THE WESTERN GROUP MET MARCH 8 AND MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS  
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THE RB/ER ISSUE AND MATTERS RELATING TO THE FINAL REPORT OF THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP. AMBASSADOR FEIN (NETHERLANDS) INFORMED THE GROUP THAT THE DUTCH GOVERNMENT WAS REFRAINING FROM FORMING A DEFINITIVE OPINION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RB/ER WEAPON, PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH PARLIAMENT AND, THEREFORE, THE DUTCH DEL WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMMIT ITSELF TO MAKING A STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE US ON THE NEUTRON BOMB ISSUE. UK AND FRG DELS, HOWEVER, REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF U.S. STATEMENT (SEE REF B). REGARDING REACTIONS TO FISHER'S STATEMENT (REF A), AMBASSADOR JAY (CANADA) SAID IT SEEMED EASTERN EUROPEAN BLOC COUNTRIES WERE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED, CONFIDENTIAL

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EVEN UPSET, BY FISHER RESPONSE BUT THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THE STRENGTH AND TONE OF THE U.S. STATEMENT HAD CAUSED THE EASTERN EUROPEAN DELEGATIONS "TO THINK." HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE INDIAN DELEGATION FELT THE U.S. AND SOVIET STATEMENTS HAD BEEN OBVIOUSLY ORCHESTRATED FOR EFFECT. TURNING TO SEISMIC MATTERS, THE U.K. AND U.S. DELEGATION EXPERTS BRIEFED THE GROUP ON THE FINAL REPORT AND DISCUSSED THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP (SEPTEL). IN PARTICULAR, THE GROUP DISCUSSED THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL TO HAVE AN EXPERIMENTAL SEISMIC DATA EXCHANGE EXERCISE PRECEDED BY A PLANNING STAGE. THE JAPANESE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF THE CURRENT SOVIET OPPOSITION TO THE CONDUCT, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY PLANNING, OF SUCH AN EXERCISE PRIOR TO A CTB TREATY. THERE WAS CONSENSUS AMONG THE WESTERN GROUP THAT THE SWedes SHOULD NOT BE DISCOURAGED FROM PURSUING THE EXPERIMENTAL EXERCISE PROJECT AND THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD BEAR THE ONUS FOR OBSTRUCTING IT.

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